

# CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church

## *From the Pastor...*

In the midst of the busyness of life, Christmas invites us to slow down, to reflect, to re-center, and to remember what truly matters. Christmas is not about commercialism, consuming, and getting; Christmas is about giving. It is about opening our hearts once again to the love of God, and letting that love touch us in new ways. It is about letting the love of God lead us, inspire us, and challenge us; daring us to hope, filling us with peace, and raising us to joy.

Christmas calls us to remember how God came to earth, came to us. Emmanuel came not in the five-star hotel, not in the palace as one might expect of a king, not with pomp and circumstance. Emmanuel came in the little town of Bethlehem, in a stable, in a feeding trough, to a poor carpenter and a teenage girl from Nazareth.

Christmas invites us to keep looking up, to keep our eyes on our Star of Wonder. It calls us, like those magi, to never give up hope; to never stop dreaming of the kingdom of God. It calls us to be willing to follow our star wherever it leads; to bring our gifts and ourselves, and to lay them once again before the shepherd-king.

Christmas calls us in the chaos of life to dwell, like Joseph, in the peace of God, knowing God goes with us, is around us, and beside us always. It calls us to trust in the One who walks with us. It challenges us to let go of the worries and things we cannot control, and to remember we are held in the palm of God's hand.

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**Contemporary Service**  
9:10am

**Fellowship/Refreshments**  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

**Traditional Service**  
10:45am

## *From the Pastor Continued...*

Christmas calls us to let the song of the angels fill us with joy like those shepherds. It calls us to come as we are, to see that in the eyes of our God- no matter the labels the world sometimes gives us- we are God's beloved. It calls us to kneel in that stable which seems so small from the outside; but from the inside, we discover there is enough room for all of us, and so much more! There is a joy in discovering once again a tiny glimpse of the depth with which we are loved. May we let that song of joy dwell in our hearts, leading and guiding us every step of the way.

Christmas calls us to choose love rather than fear. It calls us to be willing, like Mary, to risk it all for love; to open our hearts, our hands, our lives to the work of love. Sometimes we look at ourselves and we feel so inadequate- What do we have to offer the world?- but we have an amazing God who sees beauty in each one of us, a God who calls to us, like God called to the magi, to the shepherds, to Mary, and to Joseph; a God who calls us to arise and place our lives in God's hands, to open ourselves up to loving, and to trust that through the grace of our God, as we dare to love, we give others permission and the courage to do the same.

Christmas is about the love of God coming into the world, coming into our lives, and forever changing and touching each one of us. So this Christmas season, let that love once again wash over you. Let it dare you to hold onto the dream of hope. Let it grant you peace. Let it fill you with the music of joy. Let us once more come and see and be filled with that love. Let us go back into this world. Let us go and tell and love as God has so loved us!

Love,  
Pastor Eric



**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**  
**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SILVERTON**

**Sundays**

9:10 a.m. ~ Contemporary Service

9:10 to 10:00 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. ~ Coffee and Fellowship Time

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. ~ Youth Sunday School

10:45 a.m. ~ Traditional Service

**1st & 3rd Sundays of each month** (September- June)

Youth Group Gatherings, 5-7 p.m.

**2nd Sunday of each month**

Intergenerational Family Fun Nights, 5-7 p.m.

**4th Sunday of each month**

Finding God at the Movies, 4-7 p.m.

**5th Sundays**

Blended Service, 10:00 a.m. (Potluck Meal following)

**Tuesdays**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. (Fireside Room)

**Wednesdays**

Stone Soup Dinner, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

**3rd Saturday of each month**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 a.m. (Water Mountain Restaurant)

**3rd Monday of each month**

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3-4:30 p.m. (Fireside Room)

## Trunk Or Treat Event

The pouring rain could not dampen our spirits as we had a wonderful Trunk or Treat Event on Halloween Night. Mickey Mouse stood outside to welcome people and direct them inside. Due to the weather, we did not do it from our trunks, but we opened up our multipurpose room and let people come in out of the rain to get candy, hot cider, hot coco, and towels to dry off with.

We had more than 400 people come through and we had a great time. Thanks to everyone who donated candy and to all who showed up to help pass out candy and create a wonderful evening. It was a great time!



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## Church Policy: Covid and Illness

Here is the church policy that continues to be in place in regard to cases of Covid and possible exposure as well as illness in general. This policy has been what we have been using since the start as well as what other churches, the region, and other organizations are using as well.

If we are notified by a member who was at a gathering or event or worship that they have tested positive for Covid in the days that follow.

We send out an email to the church community notifying people that we had a member who tested positive for Covid and attended whatever particular event.

We encourage everyone who was at that event to watch for symptoms and fever and if they start showing any of these to test.

It has never been our policy, nor is it elsewhere, to name the individual who tested positive. In general, with illness our policy continues to be if you are running a fever, showing symptoms, or sick please stay home and let Pastor Eric, the Church office, or the Elders know if there is anything we can do or drop off for you.





### Family Fun Night: Shoebox Packing Party

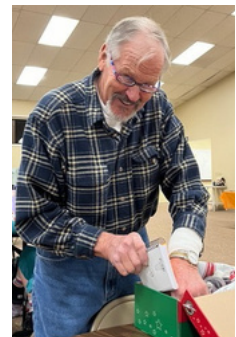
We gathered this past month for our Family Fun Night to pack the Shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Project.

We had 51 people of all ages attend and had a wonderful evening. We enjoyed a delicious dinner and had a great time filling 100 shoeboxes.

Thanks to Karen, Lynn, Linda, Mary, Kara, Elia, Jonathon, Brogan, Carson, Camden, Laurie, and all who helped put together this wonderful event.

Thanks to all who helped collect and donate all the supplies which we filled our shoeboxes with. Simply put it was holy time together!

Keep watching that big map as we will keep you all posted as we track where our shoeboxes go this year.



## More Family Fun Night: Shoebox Packing Party



## Touching Soles- Free Shoes Ministry

The Operation Shoe Crew-We've Got Soles, kicked off this last month and 203 pairs of shoes were given away. We are excited to support and house the Rotary Club's new Free Shoes Ministry which is on the 3rd Friday of every month in our Multipurpose room from 1 to 4pm providing free shoes to people in our community in need.

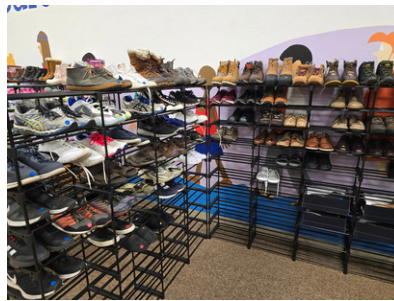
This past month over a hundred people were served and for all who were there described it as a holy and beautiful time.

The next Operation Shoe Crew-We've Got Soles will be Friday December 20, 2024, from 1 to 4pm.

We need volunteers to help setup (the day before) and take down and to help serve. If you can help, please contact Jana in the church office.

We need lots of donations of new and gently used shoes, particularly we need boots in Men and Women's sizes. We also need donations of new socks.

Let continue to join with our friends from the Rotary to touch soles in our community together!



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## Finding God at the Movies

We gathered this last month for a wonderful Finding God at the Movies as we enjoyed a delicious dinner of homemade grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup with pumpkin pie for dessert.

Thanks to all who helped with the meal. We had 22 people attend and enjoyed the movie; **"Christmas Child"** based on the book by Max Lucado. It tells the story of a young man who journeys to Clearwater, Texas to find his family and his way home for Christmas.

We continue to offer Finding God at the Movies the 4th Sunday of every month from 4 to 7pm.

Hope you can join us next time.



## Wreath Making

We had twelve people gather with Mary the other week for a wonderful time of fellowship as we make beautiful wreaths together. Huge thanks to Mary Wrolstad for all her hard work.







This month has been filled with moments of love and joy for our youth.

We had our annual haunted house trip and had fifteen attendees.

This year we went to the school of the deaf to support this wonderful event they put together for the public. The youth's mission project for this

month was to help with donations for Operation Christmas Child and Trunk-Or-Treat. They had a lot of fun shopping for items to fill these shoeboxes, coming back from the store with eighty-eight items to add to the tables. They enjoyed packing these boxes up with their families at

family game night. This month, the youth decided to donate to the church from their youth fund as well in appreciation of the church allowing them to do these fundraisers and activities they enjoy so much.

Our last youth group of the month we had a lovely dinner prepared by Steve and Jennifer Hensley. We appreciate you donating dinner to the youth group, it was delicious! We couldn't do it without you, thank you both for all you do for the youth group. Our night was spent on a lesson about how God created the world. It was wonderful to see every youth member being fully involved in the activities and conversations. We loved hearing the input from everyone and spent time discussing the different views Christians have on this topic. We spent time diving into the different days of creation and what we would create if given the opportunity.

There were lots of great moments working with our youth this month.

### Upcoming Events & Current Fundraisers

Christmas Pageant 12/15/2024

Bottle Drop Fundraiser: Bags & Tags are available in the office, if you would like to pick some up please ask Pastor Eric, Jana, Jonathan Or Brogan

To schedule a pick-up please contact Jonathon (503.400.5725) or Brogan (503.983.3870).

If you would like to donate dinner to the youth group there is a sign-up sheet in the multi-purpose room next to the coffee hour sign-up sheet.

Thank you, the youth group appreciates it.





Thank you to all the children's Sunday school helpers this year:

**Nellie, Sheila and Alan; Wynelle and Paula; Jennifer, Steve and CW;  
Vanessa, Linda and Kathy.**

You have all been awesome with the kids and I really appreciate all your help and love you share with the children and families.

Thank you families for another great year!

We finished up our theme on prayers with thank you cards and prayers to people in our lives we don't always thank as well as thank you cards to veterans.

December is all about preparing for the birth of Jesus by following in the steps of Joseph and Mary. We will combine each week for a story and an Advent craft.

December 8 is Family Fun Night

December 15 is our pageant between services, please bring your child by 9:00 am to multi purpose room for wardrobe and practice. Help is needed!

We still need a couple of families for reading scripture and lighting advent candle on Dec 22, and/or to light candles December 29, and Jan 5.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

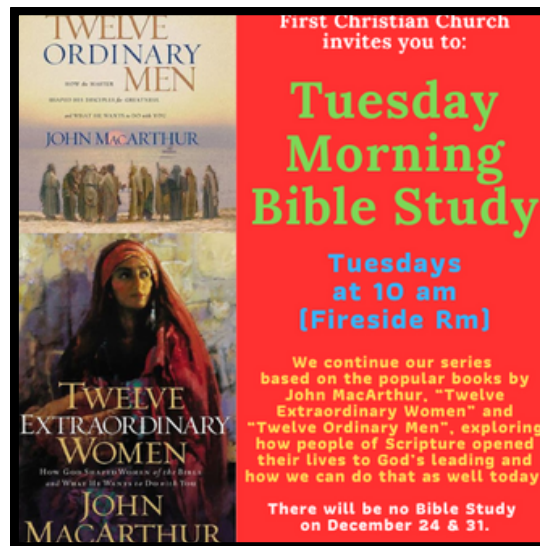
Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

Joy,  
Laurie Dyer

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All are invited to join us for Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10am on Tuesday mornings in the Fireside room. We are continuing our series exploring the popular books by John MacArthur entitled, "Twelve Ordinary Men" and "Twelve Extraordinary Women". Join us each week as we explore Scripture and the books as we talk about people of faith and what they have to teach us and how we like each of these people can open our lives to God's call. We alternate each week between chapters in the two books. There will be no Bible Study on December 24 & 31. Here is the schedule for the chapters for December:

December 3- "Twelve Extraordinary Women"- Chapter 7- Anna  
December 10- "Twelve Ordinary Men"- Chapter 7- Nathaniel  
December 17- "Twelve Extraordinary Women"-  
Chapter 8- The Samaritan Woman



## Stone Soup Meal

All are welcome to join us for a simple meal of soup and sides on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm. Come enjoy some delicious soup and fellowship together. The Stone Soup crew also continues to make a meal each Wednesday night for the Sheltering Silverton Shelter. If you want to help contact Marilyn, Sue, or Kara. **There will be no in person Stone Soup Meals on December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025.**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, the Prayer Shawl Team would love to have you join them. They gather the 3rd Monday of each month from 3 to 4pm in the Fireside room to knit and crochet beautiful prayer shawls. These shawls are given out to members and friends of our community in difficult and challenging times as reminders of the love and prayers that are holding them and their families. If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl contact Pastor Eric or the Prayer Shawl Team members. The Prayer Shawl Ministry's next meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2024, from 3 to 4pm.





### Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group continues to gather the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8am at the Water Mountain Restaurant, here in Silverton. Join us for some good food, fellowship, and a short devotion as we continue to listen to where God is calling us to love and serve in this community and beyond. For more information contact Ric Dettwyler or Clint Sanford. Our next gathering will be Saturday, December 21, 2024.





## Family Fun Night: Christmas Craft Fair

All are welcome to join us for our Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday, December 8, 2024 from 5 to 7pm. Come enjoy a delicious dinner, and all sorts of Christmas Crafts, Games, and a Mission Project making special ornaments for shut-ins and members in need. We look forward to gathering with all of you.

## 2nd Service Worship Committee

Come help us plan the 2nd Service Worship Services. Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm in Pastor Eric's office as we reflect on the past month's services and work to plan those for the next month including picking the hymns for the next month's 2nd Services. Our next 2nd Service Worship Committee meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024.



## Giving Tree

We will once again this Christmas season be having a Giving Tree in the Multipurpose room with tags with gift suggestions for members and friends in need. Grab a tag and get a gift or two for a member or friend in need. Please bring gifts back to church in gift bags and with gift receipts by Monday, December 16, 2024. If you have any questions contact Gracie Davis.

## Christmas Pageant

Calling all angels, magi, and shepherds, calling all cows, sheep, donkeys, and camels to come join us Sunday, December 15, 2024 for our annual Christmas Pageant. It will be happening between the services in the Multipurpose room. Huge thanks to Jonathon and Brogan who are directing it this year. Youth will be practicing their parts at Youth Group the next few weeks and then there will be rehearsal that morning for all the kids starting at 9am. If you can help check in with Jonathon and Brogan. Looking forward to gathering for our Christmas Pageant.



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

All are invited to join us Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 9pm for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Let us join together with magi, shepherds, and angels, with Mary and Joseph, to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



## Disciples Special Offering: Christmas Offering

We will be taking the Christmas Offering for our denomination on Sundays December 15th and December 22nd.

One hundred percent of this special offering goes to the Oregon SW Idaho region, staying right here to support our regional ministers and staff and all the wonderful ministries that our region does to be God's love made visible all around us.

*QR Code is a clickable link to the church VENMO offering account.*



### Scriptures for Worship for December 2024:

**December 1, 2024-**  
**Matthew 2:1-8**  
**"The Dream Of Hope"**

**December 8, 2024-**  
**Matthew 1:18-24**  
**"The Comfort of Peace"**

**December 15, 2024-**  
**Luke 2:1-20**  
**"The Song Of Joy"**

**December 22, 2024-**  
**Luke 1:26-38, 46-55**  
**"The Power Of Love"**

**December 29, 2024-**  
**Matthew 2:1-8 & 1:18-24,**  
**Luke 1:26-38 & 2:1-20**  
**Lessons and Carols**

## Epiphany Party

January 5, 2025  
Between Services

Come enjoy crafts and a special cake filled opportunities for each of us to discover God's epiphanies all around us.

### Epiphany Party

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Magi with our annual Epiphany Party. Come enjoy crafts, activities, and a special cake filled with opportunities for each of us to discover and to be God's epiphanies of love and grace all around us in the world. Our Epiphany Party will be happening between the services in the Multipurpose room on Sunday, January 5, 2025.



## Staff Holidays

We want to remind everyone that the church office will be closed on December 25 and January 1 for staff holidays. Staff will be off on those days and the building will be closed.



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### Pastor Eric On Vacation

We want to remind everyone that Pastor Eric will be taking vacation time with his family from December 25, 2024, to January 4, 2025.

He will be back in worship and preaching on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

For needs while Pastor Eric is on vacation, please contact the elders.





## **CWF News**

May I say one more time how wonderful the women of this church are?

They are:

- Praying & studying
- Collecting & wrapping gifts
- Cooking meals
- Leading, singing & playing instruments
- Organizing videos & sending out our church services on the internet for all to see
- Managing our offering & paying our bills
- Covering activities in our office
- Teaching children & young adults
- Keeping our church clean
- Bringing flowers to church on Sundays
- Keeping our plants outside growing
- Preparing our communion elements
- Providing transportation for our shut-ins

There are so many things, and I am sorry because I am sure that I have forgotten some.

December is here and on the 7th from 9-4 (or until we run out), we will be selling our Christmas grab bags, cookies by the pound and some crafts. If you would like to volunteer to help, that would be wonderful! Also remember that this is a fundraiser for CWF so please come and do some shopping.

On December 14th, we will have our Annual Women's Christmas Tea at Donna Laney's pool house, and we will serve brunch, have a Christmas devotion and just share some time together from 10 am to 1 pm. If you need a ride, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you there!

We hope you have a happy, healthy Christmas Holiday celebrating the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# Mystery Grab Bags & Cookies

*Christmas  
Annual Event*

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**The Details:**  
10a.m. - 4p.m. (or until sold out)  
December 7, 2024  
First Christian Church, Silverton  
402 N. First St., Silverton, OR 97381  
503-873-2260

**Information:**  
Mystery Grab Bags .25 - \$5.00  
Cookies by the Pound \$7.50lb.  
Local crafters onsite for shopping



# Women's ◆ Christmas Tea

December 14, 2024  
10 am to 1 pm

Donna Laney's  
31215 S Dryland Rd, Canby, OR 97013

Please rsvp to Jana in the office  
so we can get a count of ladies  
who will be attending.



## **5th Sunday Combined Service: Lessons and Carols**

Join us for a special Sunday on December 29, 2024.  
It will be a 5th Sunday with one combined service at 10am.

Come enjoy a simple service with lots of carols and special music.

We are also looking for people that might be willing  
to share short 2-to-3-minute devotions about carols.

If you would like to share a little tribute about a carol contact Pastor Eric.

Here are the list of carols and specials music pieces  
that we will be enjoying that Sunday:

### **Carols:**

“Angels We Have Heard On High”, “Like A Child”,  
“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”, “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”,  
“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”, “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”  
“Away In The Manger”, “Silent Night”, “Joy To The World”,  
“O Christmas Tree”

### **Specials:**

“Good King Wenceslas”, “White Christmas”, “Jingle Bells”,  
“Carol of the Bells”, “Hush Hush”, and “Peanuts Christmas Music”

## Church Officers/Personnel

### Elders:

Cara Zitzelberger - Elder Chair  
Marcus Clark, Ric Dettwyler,  
Lynn Koenig, Donna Laney,  
Beth Negrey, Ginni Stensland

**Church Board Chairman:**  
Steve Reid

**Church Treasurer:**  
Erin Stone

**Office Administrator:**  
Jana O'Connor

**Keeper of the House:**  
Libby Bordewich

**Facilities Director:**  
Allan Graves

**Children's Ministry Leader:**  
Laurie Dyer

**Youth Leaders:**  
Brogan Allen-Olsen

Jonathon Thompson

### Worship Music Team:

Gail Frassenei, Wayne Cawfield,  
Chris Dyer, Ami Barstad,  
Aaron Barstad, John Meye,  
Gil Wittman, Marilyn Woodward

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## 2024-2025 Board of Directors

### Slate of Officers

**Board Chair** - Steve Reid  
**Vice Chair** - Danika Beard  
**Treasurer** - Erin Stone  
**Board Secretary** - Jolene Smoot  
**Financial Secretary** -  
Vertene Beard  
**Assistant Financial Secretary** -  
Erin Stone  
**Trustee Chairperson** -  
Allan Graves

### Board Members

**Elder Chair** -  
Cara Zitzelberger  
**Deacon Chair** -  
Karen Brock  
**CWF Chair**-  
Lynn Koenig/Karen Brock



Chase Annen 2  
Char Strunk 3  
Emorie Cote 5  
Jan Bowen 6  
Ronna Vaughan 7  
Christy Knox 12  
Faith Ulloa 14  
Emma Bagley 15  
Parker McCollum 15  
Korinna Barcroft 19  
Jennifer Clark 22  
Allison Zitzelberger 22  
Elizabeth Barnes 23  
Beth Jackson 26  
Amanda Dahlquist 27  
Diane Hill 27  
Lola Reid 27  
Heather Brock 28  
Gabby Villastrigo 31

**If we have missed your  
birthday or it is incorrect,  
please let Jana in the  
office know.**

# *Splinters from the Board*

First Christian Church of Silverton, Oregon  
Board Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2024

The meeting began with a prayer led by Steve Reid

## **Board Secretary - Jolene Smoot:**

- **Previous Minutes** - Jolene asked if there were any changes to the October 14, 2024, minutes. Lynn Koenig made a motion to approve the minutes, Verlene Beard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Special Presenter:**

- **Spaghetti Feed** - Gail Frassenei, presented an idea for offering a spaghetti dinner, open to the community, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, which would average four times a year. Gail's goal is to get her generation and the younger generation more involved in these types of activities. Gail and Beth would be the organizers of the dinner. The menu would consist of spaghetti, a choice of meat sauce or non-meat sauce, bread, salad and dessert. To keep it simple, the menu will stay the same and not change. A basket can be placed at the end of the table for anyone who would like to leave a donation.

It was decided that the first spaghetti dinner will be held on March 29, 2025. The next three will be May 31, August 30 and November is to be determined since it is so close to Thanksgiving. The event will be advertised in the newsletter, on Facebook, in Silverton Connection, and in Our Town.

Regarding food inspection and food licenses requirements, Gail will work with Lynn Koenig.

Lynn made a motion to approve having a spaghetti dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Karen Brock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Rotary Club Ministry** – Eric mentioned that Dixon Bledsoe from the Rotary Club Ministry asked if he could use the multi-purpose room the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. The ministry will be offering free shoes for all ages and it will be open to the community. The first event would be held this Friday, November 15 and then again on December 20<sup>th</sup>, and from then on, it will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. The event will take place from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The ministry has offered to donate \$200 every month to the church for this service.

It was mentioned that we could use one of our tables in the multi-purpose room and anyone that wanted to donate shoes could leave them for the ministry to add to their current supply. If there happens to be a conflict with using the room on Friday, such as a funeral, etc. Dixon is more than willing to work with us as needed. Eric stated the elders and the exec team signed off on Dixon's request and he is now bringing it to the board for their approval. Karen Brock made a motion to approve the ministry to use the multi-purpose room the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month beginning this November 15<sup>th</sup>. Verlene Beard seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

## **Treasurer's Report – Erin Stone:**

- Erin went over the report and stated we are on track overall.

## **Giving/Income Report – Verlene Beard**

- The Board discussed the report as presented by Verlene.

## **Facilities Report – Allan Graves:**

- Steve Reid presented the facilities report on behalf of Allan Graves. Two toilet seat dispensers were hung. It was reported that there is a gas leak on the stove – please don't use it until repairs have been made. While fixing a clogged sink, the pipes burst, repairs are being made. Rewired three light fixtures for LED tubes.

## **Deacon's Report – Karen Brock:**

- Karen reported that everything is going well. Request for a second service greeter.

# *Splinters from the Board Continued...*

## **Elders Report – Cara Zitzelberger**

Eric presented the elder's report on behalf of Cara.

- **Listening Session** – Eric, Cara and the elders have met and they are working hard to address things raised at the listening session. In Pastor Eric's November newsletter article he reported on many of the things that he, the elders and others have already implemented and are working on, that were raised at the listening session.
- **The Church Directory** is almost complete. The final draft has been given to Eric.
- **Camcorder** A new and needed camcorder was purchased. The media group is learning its ins & outs.

## **Pastor's Report – Pastor Eric Eide:**

- **Water heater** – reported that the water heater went out.
- **Shoe Box Party** - Last night 51 people showed up and 100 boxes were put together. Food was provided and a great time was had by all.
- **Advent Craft Fair** – Will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be advertised.
- **Giving Tree** – Giving tree for families. The giving tree is headed up by Gracie Davis this year. Contact Gracie for more details and participation.
- **Thanksgiving Special Offering** – A special offering insert will be included this coming Sunday and next Sunday's insert offering envelope.
- **Wreath Making Event** – Mary Wrolstad approached Eric and is asking for approval to make wreaths on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00. It was noted that the kids will also be having something going on at the other end of the MP room. Eric will check with Circle of Friends Care first, since there will be children sharing the space. Not expecting any issues, Karen made a motion to approve making wreaths on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00. Verlene Beard seconded the motion. The motion has passed.
- **Hanging of the Greens** – On December 1, between services. The Christmas tree and the advent candle will already be set up. Verlene made a motion to approve the hanging of the greens between services on December 1. Lynn Koenig seconded the motion. The motion passed. Carols for second service has been collected.
- **Eric will be out of the office** – from Wednesday, November 27 – Saturday November 30.
- **Finding God at the Movies** - This month our Finding God at the Movies will be held on Sunday, November 24 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The movie will be "The Christmas Child". Due to Christmas, there will not be a movie night on December 22.
- **Christmas Pageant** – Will be held on December 15 between services.
- **Christmas Advent Theme Art** – Eric shared Dillion Marcroft is designing Christmas advent theme pieces of artwork for the theme for each Sunday of advent. The art pieces will be featured in sermon slides.
- **John's Memorial** – Thanks to everyone for all the hard work on John's memorial service.

## *Splinters from the Board Continued...*

- **Additional Refrigerator** - Mary and Krystal approached us to ask if they can place an additional refrigerator they purchased, at the church, keeping in mind that there may be an increase in the cost of electricity. After discussion it was determined we could move things around to accommodate their request.
- **Messy Kitchen** – Comments were made regarding the kitchen sometimes being left in a mess. Steve Reid stated, if something pops up regarding this issue, please contact him directly.
- **Pest Invoice** - We received the bill for the pest control. It was discussed whether or not we want to ask the others that use our kitchen to pay for half of the cost.

### **Vice Chair Report - Danika Beard:**

- Danika was not in attendance, so nothing to report.

### **Christian Women Fellowship - Lynn Koenig & Karen Brock:**

- **Christmas Grab Bags and More** – Lynn reported the Christmas grab bag event is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. Cookies by the pound will be sold and some members will have tables set up to sell their crafts. Note, each crafter is responsible for their own money and lunch will not be served. Advertising will be placed in the Silverton Connections in November, and placed in "Our Town" news. Please give your information to Jana.
- **Christmas Tea** – On December 14, Donna Laney will be hosting a women's tea party at 10:00 a.m. An invitation will be given to each woman.

### **Chair Report – Steve Reid:**

- Nothing additional to add  
Meeting adjourned with a closing prayer from Pastor Eric.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
~Jolene Smoot, Board Secretary.





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*A Family of Faith*

**Mission:**

We are a community of God's beloved children.  
Growing our faith through supportive,  
caring, and inclusive outreach.  
Where we strive to welcome all,  
as Christ welcomes us.

*We are Disciples at work!*

**Offering Totals  
November 2024**

November 3	\$3,766.00
November 10	\$9,540.00
November 17	\$1,468.00
November 24	\$3,284.00

**Total:            \$18,058.00**

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

<p><b>Coffee hosts for Coffee Time</b></p> <p>Between services. Sign up with a friend and host together!!! (sign-up in the MP Room)</p>	<p><b>Sunday Deacons/Greeters for each service.</b></p> <p>Contact the Church office or Karen Brock, Deacon Chair, at 503-931-8230 if you are interested!</p>
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